

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
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Helene Hall, Social Hall (Hana)

CONVENE: 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Mike White, Chair
Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Member
Councilmember Elle Cochran, Member
Councilmember Donald G. Couch, Jr., Member
Councilmember Stacy Crivello, Member
Councilmember Don S. Guzman, Member
Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member

EXCUSED: Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member

STAFF: Scott Jensen, Legislative Analyst
Erin Fleming, Legislative Attorney
Tammy Frias, Committee Secretary
Raynette Yap, Committee Secretary

Dawn Lono, Council Aide, Hana Council Office
Morris Haole, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Robert Carroll

OTHERS: Amanda Kahalehoe, Hana Youth Center
Keoki Kalani, Executive Director, Hana Youth Center
Jerome Smith Jr., Hana Youth Center
Jasmine Oliveira
John Villiarimo, Assistant Director, Hana Youth Center
Melissa Magonigle, Hana Youth Center
Zoe Staachurski, Hana Youth Center
Ashley Bertlemann, Hana Youth Center
Maya Ploiblasi, Hana Youth Center
Rick Rutiz, Executive Director, Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike
David Hunkins, Maui Humane Society
James Freudenberg-Pu, Supervisor, Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike
Sol Church, President, Hana Community Association
Timmy Satot, Outreach Program Coordinator, Hale Hulu Mamo

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Sheila Roback, Senior Center Director, Hale Hulu Mamo
Annie Gilbert, President, Hana Lani Senior Citizens Club
Sheri Kalalau
Shannon Lind, Hana Senior Center Assistant, Hale Hulu Mamo
Eileen Comeaux
Shane Sinenci
Gale Notestone, Founder & Project Manager, Find Us 911 - Maui
Cynthia Santiago, Executive Director, 'Ohana Makamae, Inc.
Ihilani Catugal, Board Member, Hana Canoe Club
Roxanna Smith
Lehua Cosma
Pat Villiarimo Cockett, Hana Youth Center
Ward Mardfin
Noe Lecker
Dawn Lono
Geraldine Carroll
Additional attendees (30+)

ITEM BF-1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET FOR THE
COUNTY OF MAUI (CC 14-31, CC 14-82)

CHAIR WHITE: ...*(gavel)*... Good evening, I can't tell you how nice it is to drive out here and have the peace of Hana surrounding us and we really look forward to hearing from you, all your concerns and thoughts and it just, I think, this is the meeting that we all enjoy possibly the most, because Hana's a special place and you all are very lucky to live here and we're lucky to be able to spend some time with you. So with that, I'd like to introduce our Staff that's here tonight. Many of you know, I'll start over on the sign-up table, you know Morris Haole from Bob Carroll's office. And of course you all know Dawn Lono. Dawn, raise your hand. And then we have our Committee Secretary, Tammy Frias. And Rayna Yap, also Committee Secretary. And Committee Analyst, Scott Jensen. And we'll start at the other end with our Council Chair, Gladys Baisa. We're very happy to have her back in fine fettle and we're hoping that your Councilmember Bob Carroll will be back with us very soon so. And then I will introduce next, Don Couch, from Kihei. And Elle Cochran from West Maui. And as you can see, I'm Mike White, representing Haiku, Paia and Makawao. And my father next to me, I'm not the baseball player in the family, but...Michael Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: ...*(Inaudible)*... making trouble ...*(inaudible)*...

CHAIR WHITE: I just spent the whole day with him yesterday so. We have fun. We keep, we try to keep things fun, you know. This is not a, an easy, easy job so we have to have fun every now and then. And then our wonderful Council member from Molokai, Stacy Crivello. And

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from Kahului, Don Guzman. And as you all know, we always give the elders and the youngsters the first opportunity to testify so they can get home and get to bed and we also let people who are driving the elders or the youngsters go first as well. So with that, I don't think I need to remind the Members to turn off their cell phones, especially the Chair.

...BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY...

CHAIR WHITE: And with that, we'll call our first testifier, looks like Amanda Kahalehoe.

MS. KAHALEHOE: Hi, my name is Amanda Kahalehoe. I am a...

CHAIR WHITE: Can you come a little closer.

MS. KAHALEHOE: Hi, my name is Amanda Kahalehoe. I am a junior here at Hana School. I was a regular youth member and now I am currently working at Hana Youth Center as a Youth Aide. I just started. I'm excited because this three-month program will allow me not only to gain work experience, it forces me to save money. I needed a bank account to set up direct deposit prior to being hired. I will be able to learn different skills and see the operation from a worker's point of view. I appreciate Hana Youth Center and thank you for supporting them. Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Amanda. Hold on, just a second, any questions for Amanda? Seeing none, thank you very much for your testimony. Our next testifier is Keoki Kalani.

MR. KALANI: Youth and Kupuna...no, I'm kidding. Aloha and good evening, everyone. My name is Keoki Kalani and I am the Executive Director of Hana Youth Center. Welcome back to Hana. We appreciate you being here and having this opportunity to speak before you. First of all, I'd like to sincerely thank you all for your hard work that you do to insure that there is a check and balance to our County. As you can see, our small community is united in heart, we collaborate, help, sponsor and support each other's fund-raising efforts. And we do this because what is offered is important to our community and we want each other to succeed. We are all interconnected and so all the people who are going to speak after me, I support them, too. Okay. And that's how we hope our children can be in the future. Many times people take things for granted and we don't at Hana Youth Center. The funding that we receive is widely, wisely utilized and it is stretched to its fullest because how we operate is an example for our youth. While youth centers are no longer funded collectively under a two-year community partner grants category, an annual individual line item allocation will help us to continue to provide the services that we do. I request that you please consider approving Mayor Arakawa's recommendation as to Hana Youth Center's budget request from the County. It remains the same and has not increased. On another note, you may know that our restroom situation at Hana Ball Park has been most challenging, although the new, the new portable setup is a great improvement, anything that can be done

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to expedite this entire project would be so helpful. Once again, mahalo for being here this evening and your continued support of our Hana community is greatly appreciated.

CHAIR WHITE: Mahalo, Keoki, and Mr. Victorino has a question.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Keoki, you know on this portables, how often do they pump it, do you know?

MR. KALANI: I believe they come often.

MS. LONO (from audience): Once a week.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That's not often if that's -- once a week?

MR. KALANI: Once a week.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That's not often. Okay. I'll check with the Parks Department to see if that can be, you know, 'cause it's about a year off before they do anything and I saw the plan. But the key is, those portables gotta be pumped out more than once a week.

MR. KALANI: What has happened in the past is that visitors would come up to the youth center to request a key to utilize our facilities and because it's, the way the condition it was, we would allow. But now it is better and I look forward to the time when it will be all pau.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. Thank you.

MR. KALANI: Okay. Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: Any other questions for Keoki? Thank you very much for your testimony tonight.

MR. KALANI: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Our next testifier is Jerome Smith, followed by Jasmine Oliveira.

MR. SMITH: Aloha kakou, Council members. Welcome. Hi, my name is Jerome Smith. I am a parent speaking in behalf of the Hana Youth Center. I must say that it has been a wonderful and safe place for our keiki of Hana to come and hang out and socialize with each other. My daughter is a member and she is always looking forward to going to the youth center to finish her homework and having extra playtime with her best friends. She always talks highly of the staff and activities that they do and to me, a parent is most rewarding to hear that my child had a fun and exciting day. Thank you for your continued support to the Hana Youth Center. Mahalo.

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CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Jerome. And Jasmine is up next, followed by John Villiarimo.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Ah, you broke 'em.

MS. OLIVEIRA: Aloha. My name is Jasmine Oliveira. I'm a parent of three and a community member, whose family utilize services by MEO, Hana Youth Center and 'Ohana Makamae. MEO is the number one transportation for they pick up my kids and take them to Hana Youth Center. They are very reliable. Hana Youth Center is also there for my kids five days a week and even on holidays. They provide enjoyable activities along with educational games and have prevention programs to deter bad practices. My kids love going to the youth center for it is their home away from home. 'Ohana Makamae has fun-filled events that my whole family enjoys, as well as community Food Bank distribution for when times are challenging. With that being said, I ask that you support these agencies and thank you for listening.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Jasmine. Any questions? No, thank you very much. John Villiarimo is up next, followed by Melissa Magonigle...Magonigle.

MR. VILLIARIMO: Aloha mai kakou. Welcome Council members and thank you once again for coming out to Hana to listen to the concerns of our community. My name is John Villiarimo and I am the Assistant Director of Hana Youth Center. As always we appreciate the support the County has shown towards Hana. Currently HYC has a membership of 231 youth, which is roughly 89 percent of the youth 8 to 18 years of age here in Hana. We have a daily attendance of about 34 youth who enjoy participating in the many different activities and programs that we offer. Tonight I would like to speak on behalf of the different organizations that we collaborate with to enhance our youth programming. For the past 11 years, HYC has been working with Hale Hulu Mamo and 'Ohana Makamae in offering our monthly Movie in the Parks. We are able to provide a family fun evening that is free from the influence of drugs, alcohol and tobacco. We also collaborate with 'Ohana Makamae and the recovery community of Hana in hosting various anti-drug rallies once a month like our Hawaii Meth Project does and Be a Jerk campaign. More recently, we've started a new collaboration with 'Ohana Makamae's School Based Program in providing a night dedicated to the teenagers called Teen R.A.P. R.A.P. stands for Responsible Approach on Problems. Here we are able to discuss and teach coping skills that the teens can utilize when faced with issues. Some of the past nights, we considered underage drinking, bullying, peer pressure and teen pregnancy. This past Spring break we had the great opportunity to collaborate with Na Mamo o Mu'olea in putting on a three-day camping trip for 32 youth members. The youth learned pono practices relating to the ocean and its resources. They participated in service activities like beach cleanups and rock wall restoration. MEO youth, MEO transportation continues to provide a much-needed service to our keiki when transporting them from school to our center. In the upcoming months we'll be working with Hana Arts in providing a venue for our youth to showcase their artwork through Hana Arts "Art Walk" program and we look forward to this collaboration. And finally I'd like to speak on behalf of Ma Ka Hana Ka 'Ike. They have provided many of our youth the opportunity to excel in

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school through their building program. It is a great feeling to see our teenagers walk away with so much pride and the good work that they have done for our community. Please continue to support these organizations and the many others that will be speaking tonight. I ask that you please support our budget request this year, so that we can continue to provide these services to our youth. They are something worth investing in. Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, John. Members, questions? Thank you very much for your testimony. And Melissa, I'm sorry if I messed up your name. Is Melissa here?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Thank you. I'm gonna let her tell you what her last name is. I can give you the spelling. So I was close? Okay.

MISS STAACHURSKI: Aloha, my name is Zoe and I am nine years old.

MISS BERTLEMANN: And my name is Ashley and I am eight years old.

MISS STAACHURSKI: The Hana Youth Center is a great place to spend time at after school.

MISS BERTLEMANN: After school, the MEO bus takes us to the youth center so we don't have to walk.

MISS STAACHURSKI: I'm thankful for the youth center and the things they do for us like providing free snacks.

MISS BERTLEMANN: I like the activities at Hana Youth Center that the Hana Youth Center provides for us like our sewing class.

MISS STAACHURSKI and MISS BERTLEMANN: We love the Hana Youth Center.

CHAIR WHITE: Great job, girls. Our next testifier is Maya Ploiblas or was that one of the, okay, here she comes.

MISS PLOIBLASI: Hi, my name is Maya and I am ten years old. The Hana Youth Center is a great place to hang out and do your homework. The Hana Youth Center provides snacks and education and activities. The Hana Youth Center is a great place. Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: Wow, that was quick. Thank you, Maya. Our next testifier is Rick Rutiz. Okay. We'll do a poll. How many people appreciate what Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike ...*(inaudible)*...

MR. RUTIZ: And I was gonna turn in my resignation.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, no.

MR. RUTIZ: I want to go to the youth center every day. Forget this building action. But I just wanted to echo what John said and we're all in here together. You know, I'm not gonna list all the names because I'm gonna forget one and then I'm gonna feel really bad, but everyone works together on everything and I think it's really special here in Hana, no one's in competition with each other. There is finite number of funding. We're all running after the same funders, but we all do it together in a very sharing way and it makes it easy to be an Executive Director and work with all these great people. As far as Ma Ka Hana, we're going along the, you know, as much as we can. Every year we get a new group of 9th graders in and we start all over again with them. We've got an amazing group of older kids who start kids, I won't say that, adults that started with us 14 years ago and such as James here and you know my other guys. And they are teachers now. They're part of my staff. They were all in Hana School. A lot of them went through the hard knocks, Special Ed, being told that they were sub-par, they were useless and they're the greatest builders in the whole town, in the whole State in my. And also, I'm so proud of our farm, Mahele Farm, what they're doing out there. I just show up every so often and walk away with vegetables, but Mikala and his crew out there again, they were all former Ma Ka Hana students and now they're leading the farm and if, I'm sure you all know what Mahele means, but from my, what I've seen, we're the only farm in the State and all we do is ask you to come join us, hang out, do a little bit of work and take home as much food as you can. All our food goes straight into the community and we're pushing 400, 500 pounds of produce every week going into our community. So again, thank you for enabling us to make that all happen. Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Rick. Any questions? Thank you very much for what you do for Hana, Rick. That's very special. And next we have David Hunkins, followed by James Freudenberg.

MR. HUNKINS: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.

CHAIR WHITE: Good evening.

MR. HUNKINS: You've made that very difficult to follow that act, especially for an old guy. First I'd like to welcome you all for coming to Hana, listening to all of the views of our residents. I'm sure you've already realized they're all very sincere in what they're asking for. I'm here tonight to support the Maui Humane Society. I think that they are seeking funds now, especially important because they just can't quite keep up with all of the needs that they have and they've asked me to appear before you and represent them. My name is David Hunkins. My wife and I have lived full-time on Maui for 35 years. The first 25 were in Pukalani and the last 10 have been in Hana where I retired from my family business in Kihei. I realize you all have a tough decision to make every year with all of the people asking you for money. It kind of reminds me of the parents that have ten kids and nine cookies. They break 'em in half, yeah. My father-in-law was a Circuit judge and he decided many tough cases. I asked

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him how he did that when he knew that some of the testifiers were lying and in some cases he never knew which was the best way to go, but he always said that he would go with the lawyer who gave him something to hang his hat on. So here is my something for the Humane Society. Many of us, including myself especially, have taken the Humane Society for granted. They have many donors and volunteers who help week in and week out and I have learned not too long ago that, what a lot of these things are. One of my daughters has registered our family business as a cat colony and we feed over 35 feral cats twice every day and take care of their medical needs. She also comes to Hana monthly to help with the spay and neuter program that has been started about a year and a half ago. In a little over the year, they have treated out here in Hana, approximately 400 dogs and cats. All of that is free, including the shots and the chips that, whenever anyone requests them. Each year now, they have over 7,000 animals that arrive --

MR. JENSEN: Three minutes.

MR. HUNKINS: --at the shelter.

CHAIR WHITE: You have one more minute.

MR. HUNKINS: Oh, I'm sorry. I'll read faster. It's not possible for them to find homes for all of these 7,000 animals, so they have begun to send many of them to the mainland, which obviously costs more money. I have seen up close, the loving care and compassion that the ladies and gentlemen give to help make Maui a better place. Please help them all you can. Thank you very much.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Mr. Hunkins. James will be followed by Sol _____

MR. FREUDENBERG-PU: Aloha. My name is James Freudenberg-Pu.

CHAIR WHITE: If you can pull it up a little bit more.

MR. FREUDENBERG-PU: I work with Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike and I'd like to thank you guys for supporting our program. And also, I want to talk about, let's see, re-paving Haneoo Road after or as soon as possible because it's definitely getting busted up from the top road being closed. And I want to ask to promote the abandoned vehicle pickup, the, clean up Maui a little bit and then the cinder pit in Maui, I was wondering when it would be shut down because it is only undermining our mountain. So I also want to talk about the East Maui Watershed Partnership and I feel that they don't need to be tapping into our resources here in Hana because that water resource is very valuable for our eco-system here in Hana and our future to have food to survive and Sol will go further into that so. Thank you.

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CHAIR WHITE: You mean, EMI, right, because the East Maui Watershed Partnership doesn't take water, they're just trying to preserve the watershed. EMI, East Maui Irrigation that actually --

MR. FREUDENBERG-PU: Taking the water.

CHAIR WHITE: --makes use of the water in Central Maui.

MR. FREUDENBERG-PU: Sells it. Yeah. Okay. That's it.

CHAIR WHITE: But, thank you very much and thank you for all you've done for Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike.

MR. FREUDENBERG-PU: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Our next testifier is Sol Church. Now that I take a closer look at...

MR. CHURCH: Mahalo, Council, and mahalo, community, for coming out and voicing their concerns tonight. Thank you everybody for listening to everybody. My biggest thing is the water, so, because we all depend on it and, you know, Hana is a special place because of its natural resources, because of its abundance, it, you know, the community thrives here. It perpetuates its culture from the old ones to the young ones. We carry on the traditions of our Kupunas and that's how the people survive today. Now my biggest thing is, with East Maui Watershed Partnership, after reviewing their quarterly report here, they really didn't get any invasive species of plants or animals up in the higher regions because there's no food for the animals and, you know, most of our invasive species are down lower. I mean, you drive through Hana Highway, it is beautiful, but you can see the African Tulip and the Clidemia are taking over our forests. It's actually undermining the soil for our native forests, right along the highways. Now, I feel that it's in the best interest for the community that a branch of Alexander and Baldwin, which is East Maui Watershed Partnership, does not show its interest with our tax money into a resource that does not belong to them in the first place. It belongs to the aina. That's where the water needs to be. And it's scientifically proven that our resources here are very abundant, our coastal areas because of the groundwater that comes down. Now what is wrong with it now today? Nothing. It's still functioning. But if we allow East Maui Watershed Partnership to put this fence, I mean have you seen the documents? It's, you know, there's nothing up there. Now there's this huge fence going through there, bunch of landing areas, helicopters flying in and out. I'm sure that's not good for the native birds, so what I'm trying to say is East Maui Watershed Partnership should have no control over our natural resources. They shouldn't be allowed to put fences up in our mountains, you know, stop wasting our tax money on that whole thing. If anything, there's people who should be conserving our resources is the community who is here already. They should be teaching these people how to preserve our aina. They are the scientists of this land. There's a couple more things that I wanted to support. Water clarity here in Hana

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Bay, it's been contaminated since the '80s, you know, the kids go in there, there's high forms of cholera bacteria here. We need to do something about septic systems along the coast here. Also, Helene Hall here, this facility here has to be pumped. It's costing the County \$154,000 a year to pump this septic system here, so, not only that one, but the one up at the ballpark and --

MR. JENSEN: Three minutes.

MR. CHURCH: --buying a, you know, there's a big project with the landfill, you know hauling out the green waste, I believe, hauling out green waste or something. They should buy, maybe the County should look into getting a mulching machine for the landfills so they can actually utilize the mulch here for Hana versus hauling it out and yeah, mahalo, everybody for coming. Thank you very much. Aloha.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Sol. Timmy Satot will be followed by Sheila Roback. Timmy.

MR. SATOT: Hi, mahalo, Council members for coming out this evening. I'd like to speak on behalf of, hoo, I'd like to speak on behalf of Hale Hulu Mamo, Hana Senior Center, which is a program of Maui Adult Day Care Centers. We're grateful for the funding that we've received to be able to provide a safe place for seniors to, who can stay with us at the senior center and provide respite for their caregivers. I'd also like to...the senior center also plays an integral part in the other community services in Hana that provides the seniors with the ability to age in place, especially with the, well, County agency like the Maui County Office on Aging and that's the services that they provide to seniors in Hana and also, the Hana, the dialysis home, oh, Hale Pomaikai, sorry, getting all tongue twisted. And Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike played a great part in refurbishing and renovating that dialysis home, that we're able to provide, increase our, the ability to provide dialysis services for a greater amount of people here in Hana so that they don't have to, it saves them the time and energy that otherwise they would have to travel out to Wailuku to provide, to receive that service. And we also, also grateful for the Hana Youth Center and also 'Ohana Makamae, who provide services that are, is a great help for kupuna and their family. Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Timmy. One question.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm sorry, I didn't get his name over the clapping.

MR. SATOT: Oh, sorry, Timmy, Timmy Satot. S-a-t-o-t.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Chair?

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CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Guzman?

COUNCIL MEMBER GUZMAN: Yes. Timmy, how many seniors do you service?

MR. SATOT: We average about 50 that come to the center each week.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Each week?

MR. SATOT: Yeah. It varies, depending upon what services we have. Yeah, I didn't really get into details, but our Senior Center Director will go more into details about what they have. Yeah, so we do provide other services besides respite, drop-in respite.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: On the dialysis, is that a separate community or...

MR. SATOT: Yeah, that's a separate entity, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Okay.

MR. SATOT: The Dialysis Home. I think Hui Laulima Ohana is the agency that takes care of that, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you for your work.

MR. SATOT: Lehua Cosma will talk about that, yeah. I guess that's the privilege of going first.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Timmy. Sheila will be followed by Annie Gilbert.

MS. ROBACK: Aloha. My name is Sheila Roback. I'm the Senior Center Director of Hale Hulu Mamo and I wanna thank you all for coming. Mahalo for coming and thank you for your continued support. I didn't write paper this time. I'm just gonna look around and call to mind all my kupuna are here, but they don't want to come up and talk. So I told them I was gonna call them by their names, but nah, I'm not gonna do that. I just mahalo our kupuna. You know, when Sol said, your main concern, well, for me, it's our kupuna and like Timmy said, we're part of Maui Adult Day Care Center. When I look around the room, we have kupuna that have come up to our center for lomilomi. We also want to thank Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike because the youth built us a room, that is our lomilomi room. We also have kupuna that utilizes acupuncture that we have, that's part of our services. Haircuts. We also collaborate with Travaasa in offering aquacise, so three days a week, we, our kupuna get to jump in the infinity pool at Travaasa and exercise. Get in there and get wet. What else? We, one of our proudest things that we do is we have Hana Hospice. We have a container that we store hospital beds. We have an oxygen concentrator that gets used very often. Sad that we don't have a kupuna who would be here tonight to testify that without that oxygen concentrator, he wouldn't have had the months that he did have to live here in Hana. And so

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that, we also have all kinds of wheelchairs, everything that the kupuna need instead of going to Kahului, we store those at our center as part of Hana Hospice. What else guys? We collaborate with Hana Youth Center and 'Ohana Makamae doing the movies each, once a month. You asked about how many kupuna, on a monthly average, we have 20, 25. Like Timmy said, people, our kupuna come for different services. They come for different programs. We have some that come for our crafts programs, arts and crafts. They come for we have support group meetings once a month. We have every quarter we have caregiver support workshops. Sometimes we hold it down here at the hall and sometimes at our center. What else? Eileen just came today and got a lomilomi. Ooh...yeah, Hale Hulu Mamo, remember us, we're the Hana Senior Center. We're a program of Maui Adult Day Care Center. Our biggest concern is taking care of our kupuna. They're the keepers of the light, knowledge, wisdom and so we malama them. And we also as, just as Sheila Roback from Hana, malama the aina, take care of our keiki and our makua.

MR. JENSEN: Three minutes.

MS. ROBACK: Hey, Scott, I'm gonna take back my mike, you. But, yeah, we just want to thank you and ask for your continued support. Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Sheila.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Sheila, come back, he like ask questions.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Just one simple question.

MS. ROBACK: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Yeah, thank you for all your great work. I wanted to know how many people do you staff, on staff?

MS. ROBACK: We have three. Myself and we have Shannon, she's the assistant and we also have Timmy Satot, who came on before me. Unfortunately, this was our first year that we had to actually have furlough days for Hale Hulu Mamo, both Shannon and Timmy work one day less a week because of our funding and so just to let you know, we had to increase our income somehow and so we also added another fundraiser, so please come back to Hana on May 16th. We're having our First Annual Hale Hulu Mamo Stroll in the Park. And so we're gonna have a walk to try and generate and increase our income so that we can increase our reserves and not have to put our staff on furlough. But it's just the three of us, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: And then, one more question. How many days are you open? Because I know...

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MS. ROBACK: Five days a week, Monday through Friday. You were supposed to come and visit us, but you didn't make it in time.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: I know. I was...

MS. ROBACK: Aha, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: I was late. This Council knows I'm always...

MS. ROBACK: We're open Monday through Friday, 8:00 to 4:30.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Okay, thank you. I know in Kahului, they stay opened up an additional day on Saturdays.

MS. ROBACK: Yes, they did. They're actually, they even opened up on Sundays just recently--

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Yeah, that's correct.

MS. ROBACK: --too, for the Kahului site. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: But were you always open five days?

MS. ROBACK: We're, Monday through Friday.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Fridays. Okay.

MS. ROBACK: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you.

MS. ROBACK: For now.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Sheila.

MS. GILBERT: Aloha and welcome to Hana. We are very pleased that you came all that way to listen to our concerns. My name is Annie Gilbert. I am here on behalf of two groups, the Hana Lani Senior Club, all our...well, not all, but we have about 53 or 54 members in the Hana Lani Senior Club. And I'm also a member of Hana Chapter, 'Ahahui Kaahumanu and both of these groups concern our kupuna. And I'd like to speak on behalf of Hale Hulu Mamo, not only for the care that they give to the kupuna, but also I am a 24-hour caregiver for my mom and sorry...without their support group and the caregiver workshops, it would

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be more difficult for me for what I'm doing with my mom and I really appreciate all that they do for our kupuna here in Hana and I'm, my concern is that at some point, they won't have enough funding and they will have to close. And so I really want to make sure that they have enough funding so that they can keep open because it really is a vital part of our community. The other thing that I'd like to speak about is, shoot, _____...MEO, oh, sorry, thank you, thank you, thank you...MEO, also very important for the kupuna. There are so many of us that make use of MEO that don't have family that can drive them or they cannot drive anymore and they need that connection to the other side. It's so important and then as a member of our senior club, they also, we get to go on three excursions a year through MEO and it's important for us as kupuna to socialize and, you know, do things outside of Hana town as well and we really appreciate all the drivers and everybody at MEO that help us so much. And then one other part of the community that I think is important for the Kupuna because we want to pass on the things that we know is the Hana Cultural Center. And at the Hana Cultural Center, the children and those that are visiting Maui can go and learn about Hana, can learn about our culture, can learn about our kupuna and these three things, I think, are very, very important and I hope that you'll be able to continue and support each of them. Thank you very much.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Annie. Our next testifier is Sheri Kalalan or Kalalau, probably. Sorry. It's not my handwriting, okay.

MS. KALALAU: It's, yeah, it's mine, sorry. My name is Sheri Kalalau. I'm just part of the community. I'm not with any club or anything, but I just wanted to talk about the MEO is important to me, because I don't have a vehicle, so it takes me to and from the other side to go food shopping for my family and also for in Hana, it takes me to and from my job 'cause like I said, I don't have a vehicle. And also about the youth center, my daughter goes there three times a week, which is good for her. It's a place for the kids to go to where the parents might be at work, so they're not at home getting in trouble. They are somewhere being looked after and also helped with homework and learning activities and stuff and also for the 'Ohana Makamae, the Food Bank, that also helps my family as well. It helped when I wasn't here for the nine months. I was in Honolulu doing chemotherapy and everything, so they came out and helped my family and to me, those three are important to me. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Sheri. Any questions? Our next testifier is Shannon Lind, followed by Eileen Comeaux, Comeaux. I'm having a hard time tonight. You know, when your last name is White, you know.

MS. LIND: And the "x" is silent, so you don't da kine say that as well. My name is Shannon Lind. I'm the Hana Senior Center Assistant. I'm also on the Board of the Hana Youth Center and we also coordinate with 'Ohana Makamae. So I'm here to speak on behalf of those three organizations and Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike, also, because they build a lot of homes for all our kupuna and MEO is really important also for our community and also for our children. When they get paddling season, MEO drives them out and so. I think everything in Hana,

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everybody collaborates with each other, everybody supports one another and you know, we look forward to this wonderful meetings every year to come and ask for continued support, so that's why I'm here, just to mahalo you folks for being out here and coming out here and listening to all our concerns and continuous support for all our organizations in Hana. Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Shannon. Eileen will be followed by Shane Sinenci.

MS. COMEAUX: Aloha. And it's Comeaux, French, my husband's name. We have to deal with it. But I want to ditto -- what's my name? Eileen Comeaux. Yeah. Comeaux, c-o-m-o, that'll work. Okay. But I want to ditto what everybody said. I mean, I use MEO. I use the Senior Center, the Art Barn, grandkids that use the youth center. You know, ditto all of everything. You know, Rick's thing, I use them all. 'Ohana Makamae, yeah. But I don't understand how this system works 'cause I was here a year ago and we talked about the bike trail in Hana and I went to see the Mayor, I brought him 500 signatures of people that were interested in it and I spoke with each one of you and I sent you letters and I called and I talked and I talked and nothing happened. I'm not even in here. Oh, now my mike's gone. Okay. So we didn't even make the budget. We're not even in here. I mean, the Hana bike trail's not even in here. What happened? How does this system work? What do I need to do to get your attention?

CHAIR WHITE: It works slowly.

MS. COMEAUX: Very slowly. I mean I really thought when I went up there and spoke with the Mayor with my 500 signatures and, you know, we had several people in the office that looked like they were really, you know, PR-ing me real good. I thought I had their attention, but when I get this, we're not even in there. So is this something that you, I understand the cookies, you know, are hard to divide and I understand this is going to cost money and I certainly don't want to take from anything that already is needed, but is there any way we could chip off a crumb of that cookie? I know it's a tough one, but if you guys can bring it to the Mayor. The Mayor is not gonna bring it to you. You can switch things around on this budget and make the Hana bike trail happen.

CHAIR WHITE: Just to put it in perspective, the bike trail from Paia into Kahului --

MS. COMEAUX: Right.

CHAIR WHITE: --has been in the works for over 20 years and it's still not complete. They're still waiting for about a half a mile out of something that's not all that long, so you know, as we've said, money's very short from time to time, we are spending approximately \$18 million in additional wages and salaries for, you know, across the County government with no increase in -- now, 18 million is with some of the additional positions so it's tough because we try not to raise taxes and therefore, it gets, there needs to be...

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MS. COMEAUX: I could look at this and cut a couple corners though.

CHAIR WHITE: Well, send in your...

MS. COMEAUX: I know it's a tough one.

CHAIR WHITE: I'm taking recommendations.

MS. COMEAUX: Yeah. Okay. I'll do that. But I know it's a tough call and I know it's a new project, but you know, I'm not sure if I got 20 years to wait for this. But you know, just consider it. The other bike trails on Maui are absolutely beautiful. I've ridden on a lot of 'em and they're there and the one that's going on in Paia is gonna be great when it's, you know, it's already happened Makena, that's great. It's a great ride all the way and I just would like to see it in Hana, just to be safe for our kids and me off the road. Yeah. And a lot of bikers are out here so. Thank you for your consideration and.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Any questions, Members? Thank you very much for coming this evening.

MR. SINENCI: Aloha kakou. First of all, thank you, guys, for coming out here and all the hard work you guys do day in and day out for our community and the Maui County. I did want to recognize Aunty Stacy Crivello for Molokai. In January, she opened up her small little two-bedroom house for 20 of our high school kids for the Makahiki, so nice to see her. Thank you, Aunty. I'm Shane Sinenci. As a Hana resident, I'm deeply concerned at the rate Maui is being developed for two main reasons. I don't think Maui's infrastructure's not prepared to handle a sudden population increase. Two, water demands would put a strain on an island whose water resources are already limited for farmers, housing and tourism. In the next two months, our tourist population will double for the summer months. I'm asking that the Budget Committee earmark Parks and Recs funds or Solid Waste funds toward the Hana public bathroom situations. Currently we spend \$800 a week to pump the restrooms at Hana Bay because we don't have a proper sewage system. Our park bathrooms are broken and our keiki are forced to use the portable toilet systems. Tourists that come and visit Hana have no rest area to use the bathrooms or to freshen up after their two-hour ride to Hana and it's getting to endangering just basic public health status. You've heard of all the other programs that we have in Hana. I invite the Council to go visit our County building up here. I mean, for all these people, for the kupunas, for the youth, they're operating in a building that is kinda dilapidating already and they still make it work. So as far as infrastructure, I mean, we need, you know, for us to continue these programs, we need infrastructure that will, for the next 20 years. I'm also asking that the Highway Department earmark funds for the repair of the lower Uakea Road, Haneo Road, due to the bridge construction detours. To the Department of Finance, I am against the 6.7 property tax increase, mainly because of the fixed incomes for our kupuna. This situation might force our seniors into maybe a reverse

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mortgage situation if they cannot handle higher cost of living. To the Water Department, I'm against increase, further increased water rates, especially if we're gonna support the installation of more water meters for development. Those water meters should pay for themselves.

MR. JENSEN: Three minutes.

MR. SINENCI: Lastly, to Department of Environmental Management, I support the eradication of the African Tulip. I support the restoration of our native forest so that we can keep Hana country and zoned Conservation. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Shane. The next testifier is Gale Notestone, followed by Cynthia Santiago.

MR. NOTESTONE: Good evening, Council members. Thanks for coming to Hana. My name is Gale Notestone and I'm gonna introduce a new project to you.

CHAIR WHITE: Could you get a little closer to the mike.

MR. NOTESTONE: Sure can. Welcome to Hana. In order to be efficient with the time, I'm gonna read my testimony. And my name is Gale Notestone and I'm with Find Us 911 - Maui. Find Us 911 - Maui is an address identification program. I live and work in Hana as a Fire Captain. I come before you as a resident of Hana. And over the years I've noticed the need for such a project. There are many reasons I started this and here are just a few. No. 1, finding a location of an incident without a well-defined address wastes precious time. No. 2, well-displayed address numbering assists our responders in providing better service. No. 3, reflective address numbering is the best affordable way to display an address. No. 4, reflective address signs are like a beacon in the night that displays the number when light is shown upon it. I have been working on this project for the past four years and it is proudly endorsed by five agencies: Maui County Fire Department, Maui County Police Department, Maui County Paramedics Association, Maui County Civil Defense and Maui County Public Works. Attached in the packet I gave to you are the copies of those endorsements. Find Us 911 - Maui has been selling signs for \$20 in order to recover costs. This is not a money making operation, yes, you could say this is a business and so is the job my wife and I do. We are in the business of saving lives. My wife, Michele, is a Paramedic here in Hana. This business is a tool that will help all emergency services reach those who need us, especially in rural areas where addresses are not easily visible. Firefighters are first in and last out. All the training in the world will be in vain if emergency personnel can't find you. Attached are two photos of signs in use here on Maui. My goal is to take this Statewide. This will be beneficial on all islands. Though many support this concept, the funding still comes out of pocket and I continue to run a deficit. With funding from Maui County, I can offer the signs at no cost, with the residents' agreement that they will install the signs in one month's time. A follow-up phone call, text, e-mail or a visit will be done to confirm the installation. There

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are 40 states in the union that do this type of project, Find Us 911 - Maui is No. 41. The motto is, If we can't find you, we can't help you. In closing, I have dedicated 100s of hours to this project and I do it knowing that it will assist my brothers and sisters to do their job. Their job of saving lives. Thank you for your time. Any questions?

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Notestone. Mr. Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Notestone, you're saying that you'd like to get some money so that we can help promote this program?

MR. NOTESTONE: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. And right now you get no State, Federal, or any other monies?

MR. NOTESTONE: I have not, you're my first, my first approach.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Have you made an application to our like either our Human Concerns or any of the other departments?

MR. NOTESTONE: No, I haven't.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Maybe after we get through, you can talk -- we can talk story and give you some ideas where you might want to try first.

MR. NOTESTONE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And then go from there.

MR. NOTESTONE: Great.

CHAIR WHITE: Members, other questions? Ms. Baisa.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I'm a little out of the way here, but how much are you looking for?

MR. NOTESTONE: Say again?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: How much money are you looking for? What is the funding that you need?

MR. NOTESTONE: I would like to start with 500 signs and I would like \$10,000.

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay. Good for us to know because then it gives us an idea of what you need.

MR. NOTESTONE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay. Thank you.

MR. NOTESTONE: Yes.

CHAIR WHITE: Any further questions? Thank you, Mr. Notestone.

MR. NOTESTONE: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: And Cynthia will be followed by Ihilani Catugal.

MS. SANTIAGO: Good evening. I was here, my name is Cynthia Santiago, I'm with 'Ohana Makamae. I'm the Director of Family Resource Center and Substance Abuse Treatment Program and I was here about a year ago and new to the area and I came up and just talked about my agency and that's it. And I soon learned that that is not the way things go around here so I'm very privileged to be a part of this community and I can say that it's the interconnectedness and the collaboration of the agencies here that actually allows them to get so much work done with limited resources and so I just wanted to start it out saying that and thank you for listening. I also live at 2800 Hana Road and there is no sign on my place. I'd like to have one of those signs. So thank you for your continued funding of 'Ohana Makamae's programs, your on-going support is essential to this area as we continue to serve Hana families and are seeing an increase in need. We are proud to be serving the Hana community for so many years and could not have done so without the County of Maui's support. I would like to advocate for all the Hana nonprofits that are funded through the County as they are all important to this area for their unique field of service. In Hana, there continues to be a limited, limited services as you know, 'Ohana Makamae is looking to expand on these and is grateful for your awareness and your gracious backing. In particular, we are asking that the County of Maui consider increasing funding allocations for existing contractors to better match the growing needs that exist in Hana and East Maui and I say this knowing that similarly to government offices needing additional employees, any additional funding that comes our way also allows us to increase the workforce. And so that's a focus that I'd like 'Ohana Makamae to work on is to develop more jobs in the area because they, there is a need for them, so mahalo nui for listening and for supporting our interests. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Cynthia. Ihilani will be followed by Roxanna Smith.

MS. CATUGAL: Hello.

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CHAIR WHITE: Aloha.

MS. CATUGAL: I'm Ihi and I'm here on behalf of Hana Canoe Club and we want to say thank you for always supporting us. Hana Canoe Club paddling program is a huge opportunity for the kids of Hana to get scholarships, to accomplish goals individually and as a group, to accelerate in a skill that promotes self-awareness, culture and ownership of their environment, which makes them responsible for making decisions for their home. And if we get a little money, we could use a little more financial support because this budget, this \$5,150 will kinda just barely cover some of the legalities that are required, the blanket insurance, canoe insurance on each canoe, permits. The canoe club instills in the kids morals and values that they can pass on to their peers, the rest of the community, their family and to the future that comes along after them. And paddling takes a lot of time and effort and volunteer work from families and coaches and adults and a little more financial support can kinda ease some of the budget that the canoe club has to spend on their own. And it does a lot. And then I wanted to also touch on Sol talking about the quality of the water in the bay. When we coached a few years ago, three of our kids got different types of staph. A few of our adults got some staph and we had to keep some of the kids from practicing if they had a small scrape even, just to kind of keep it under control because of the fecal coliform bacteria in the water. If we could have a little help with that, too, it would be great. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ihi. Hold on. Hold on.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Ihi. Ihi. No, don't run away.

MS. CATUGAL: I'm sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: You said, you need a little bit more, like Ms. Baisa, give me a specific figure, how much more?

MS. CATUGAL: Okay. So it's 5,000, I think maybe even just a couple more like, instead of five grand, maybe eight.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Eight thousand?

MS. CATUGAL: Yes, would help cover the insurances, the permits.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That's like not little bit, that's a little bit more. Okay. So, 8,000. Okay. Gotcha.

MS. CATUGAL: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you very much.

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CHAIR WHITE: And Roxanna will be followed by Lehua Cosma.

MS. SMITH: Aloha.

CHAIR WHITE: Aloha.

MS. SMITH: I am Roxanna Smith and I got three things that I wanna talk about. One is our Hana Bay sand in front of us that nobody has been maintaining it from December, so I was wondering if anybody know what's happening? That Parks Department used to do it and now they're not, so if somebody can check, it would be awesome because this is where the whole community, you know, have one ohana day down there here, that's one issue. The other issue is Hamoa Beach, you know, Hamoa, don't have a shower down there, don't have water to rinse off, so I was just wondering what's going on with that, you know. There's nothing, so maybe somebody can check and see what's happening? And then my other issue is the Hana landfill. And I want to thank you for all your support, what you did down there. It's a beautiful thing. Everybody's happy that there's the swell where the water's not gonna be going into the ocean and I'm trying to take care of that place as much as I can. The thing is that, you know, my position is a supervisor/operator, so I'm doing both. And then I only have two more guys that works underneath me and if one guy is sick then, you know, we all trying to carry everybody's load, so you know, I'm still asking if I can have one operator and maybe another laborer because now the place is huge to maintain, you know. The grass is growing from one end to the other end and we only can take care of so much so, you know, we go home exhausted, you know. We still gotta continue and doing whatever we need to do for, you know, for EPA and the rules and regulations of the landfill. So I just wanted to somehow, maybe put it in the budget or somehow we can get some help, you know, down there and that's it.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Any questions, Members? Thank you very much for coming tonight.

MS. SMITH: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: And Lehua will be followed by Pat Villiarimo Cockett.

MS. COSMA: Aloha, everyone. Thank you for coming all the way to Hana and I thank those of you who stopped by and took the time out of your busy schedule to visit Hale Pomaikai. And that was very heartwarming that you can finally not just only hear, see, but feel what our community dialysis home is all about and where our County grant monies are going to. This year we made it again on the line item, which is an annual thing. There is a slight increase and the reason for that is we are looking in hiring another health aide because we have three patients and the two health aides that we do currently have, it can be very overwhelming because of the times that they put in and they don't even have sick leave or vacation, but with a third help, health aide on, it would really help to ease the burden and to provide a much

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better care. So with that being said, I want to thank you all for your continuous support to Hale Pomaikai, Hana dialysis home. Also, there's so much things I want to touch base on. Number one is our bathrooms up at the Hana Ball Park. I'm so embarrassed because we are entering our Taro Festival on May 3rd and I think it's almost three years it hasn't been working, so what they do is they put a BAND-AID over the problem by putting portable toilets and it's so filthy. I refuse to let my kids use it. And I'm thinking of all the other kids that utilize the ballpark for sports, it's filthy because that's where the hippies all hang out and they use those toilets. It's so true, but. Another thing is our septic and it's all to do with the septic tanks. It's not about pumping, it's an engineer problem. Like here at Hana Bay, they have a septic problem. It's again an engineer problem. You're lucky you don't smell it tonight because it's usually very awful and.

CHAIR WHITE: We've smelled it before.

MS. COSMA: Okay. But when you see the amount of dollars spent every week to have it pumped, it's a waste of monies, you know. And I strongly believe ever since they installed all those septic tanks into Hana, it did more wrong than good. Our school system is all septic tank. The kids eat lunch. You can smell that thing. It's so awful. You know, to me, why fix something that it's not broken? But I see it creates job, not for Hana people, for people that come from the outside. That's who's making the benefit. You know, those septic things may work elsewhere, but for Hana, we were fine without it. Never had those smell before, but that's one of 'em.

MR. JENSEN: Three minutes.

CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, you have one more minute.

MS. COSMA: The other one is I heard they're gonna shut down the cinder pit and the cinder pit is what's working at the landfill. And that they might have to haul in cinders from the other side on our highway, you know, and even the mulch, the green waste, I heard they want to drive it out to the other side and I want you to look into do a feasibility study, look into the County buying a mulcher where the community can benefit from it. We keep our green waste here, the community can go down and get the mulch instead of taking it back out on the highway, it's more costly. It's just gonna create more traffic, our bridges and our road, you know. And I support all the nonprofits before you, before you that came up. We all collaborate. We help one another.

MR. JENSEN: Four minutes.

MS. COSMA: We embrace each other. But before I leave, I'm on the committee with Hale Hulu Mamo and I, like Sheila, we want to keep Timmy and Shannon on without furloughs. And I encourage all of you to please come and join us in Strolling the Park and I want to give you all a brochure.

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CHAIR WHITE: Give it to the Staff. Thank you, Lehua. Any questions for the testifier?

MS. COSMA: Thank you. So you look at it and if you want to sponsor me, you're welcome to do so. I'll be walking. I'll be walking. So thank you all so much.

CHAIR WHITE: You're welcome.

MS. COSMA: Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Lehua. And Pat will be followed by Ward Mardfin.

MS. VILLIARIMO COCKETT: You can sponsor me, too. Okay. My name is Pat Villiarimo Cockett. I'm here to talk about several things, but one of the primary ones is the Hana Youth Center. I am the mother of seven children. My youngest is now 16 and so she has about two more years at the Hana Youth Center -- actually, no, she's almost 17, so one more year. Anyway, I've watched all my kids benefit from the Hana Youth Center. I've watched the youth center grow into a safe, social learning environment that it is. I was able to participate as one of the chaperones down at Mu'olea this last Spring break. It was an awesome experience because I got to watch the kids go down to the beach and watch, wash all their own dishes as a group, clean fish as a group. It was really fun to watch 'em. I was also able to have my granddaughter come in from Haiku and be able to re-connect with her family here in Hana during that time. They've also been very instrumental in helping my HTA kids, being able to utilize their place during the school day, have a place where they can access the Internet and have a safe learning environment, so I really appreciate them. I appreciate MEO because they help me get my daughter to the youth center after school. I appreciate the kidney dialysis center because they allowed my mother-in-law to spend her last few months here in Hana instead of outside on the other side. There's a whole lot of groups out here that have been working together. I know Hale Hulu Mamo, I get to get my back rubbed even though I'm as young as I am. They allow me to come over there and get a back rub occasionally when I can find the time. So all of these groups, they are instrumental to the vitality of Hana. Now finally, my last issue. I live on the corner of Kauiki Street. I probably be one of those houses that they'll miss because the water company and the electric company have me with an address for Kauiki Street whereas everybody else has my address as Hana Highway, so that's one issue. So we're talking about the Fire Department here. Anyway, they won't find me. But I also see the little ones, I mean, little ones, walking along the most dangerous stretch of the Hana Highway. Right now it's pretty good because you closed the road, but normally the traffic there is horrible and there's not even a place to walk. There's not even a sidewalk. There's not even a, it goes to a ditch and the little ones are walking to the skate park. Now down on --

MR. JENSEN: Three minutes.

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MS. VILLIARIMO COCKETT: --Noenoe Street, right across the street, there is what should have been the back access to the Paanimai Park and I know I've asked this before, can we just get a trail there so the kids can walk over there and open up the gate so it's easier for them to access it so I don't have to worry about every time they walk there that they don't get hit by a car. Thank you very much.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Ward will be followed by Noe Lecker.

MR. MARDFIN: Aloha, Council members.

CHAIR WHITE: Aloha.

MR. MARDFIN: Aloha, Council members, thanks for coming over here. I want to echo what you've heard here tonight. I'm no longer on the Board for the Hana Cultural Center, but I appreciate the support that you give it, as well as Hana Youth Center, Hale Hulu Mamo, 'Ohana Makamae, Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike, especially for the MEO transportation service that you provide to the other side for us. I notice that in your CIP budget, you have four bridges south of Maui, not for this first year, but for the four, five years after that to be replaced and I appreciate the sensitivity to keep 'em Hana style instead of big style. I support your invasive species eradication people. We do not want the red fire ants nor the rhinoceros beetle over here. I want to give you a real thank you for the roads crew. I, nobody here has mentioned it, but you know, we're always getting small little landslides, trees and so forth and you guys are, your Public Works people are really great at keeping the road clear and fixing it up right away. I can't tell you what it's like without them. But I want to use the rest of my time to talk about something not directly dealing with the budget. Congratulations, I understand you had first reading this morning for the Implementation Chapter of the Maui Island Plan. I know it's been a long time coming. I'm a former member of the Maui Planning Commission and a current member of the Hana Advisory Committee to the Maui Planning Commission. In, I was digging around today, in 2008, we had a public workshop over here. I know GPAC people had had meetings over here, when I was on the Planning Commission we had meetings here and all over the County, island. And you folks came out here once for the Maui Island Plan. I appreciate that. But it's been a while and with this implementation plan, I think it's really crucial that you come out to hear in the other communities to get input. Yeah, I know you've introduced it, so it's on the table, but I think this, I think most people aren't terribly aware of what's going on and I think the opportunity for people to speak up on it and hear would be a good idea. A few things that I have, Hana is blessed to have a Hana Advisory Committee and the Maui Planning Commission. We are unique in that. Molokai and Lanai have their own Planning Commissions, Maui has the Planning Commission, but only one Advisory Committee. I think it would be wonderful, I can't speak for the other people, but if they want it, I am sure that people, Upcountry, Kihei, Wailuku, Lahaina, all the rest of the places, would love to have Advisory Committees. I know that doesn't directly deal with your --

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MR. JENSEN: Three minutes.

MR. MARDFIN: --meeting. There was also a problem of timeliness of some things. I remember on the Planning Commission, we would get reports, studies that were five and ten years old. For Hana, maybe it didn't make any difference, but in Kihei, it could make a great deal of difference if studies are out of date and I didn't see anything in the implementation plan that dealt with that. Thank you very much for coming. I do hope you'll come back and have another hearing, but on a different topic. Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Mardfin. Noe will be followed by Dawn Lono.

MS. LECKER: Good evening. Thank you for coming out. My name is Noe Lecker. I'm here to speak on behalf of many of the different organizations that are here. First of all, I wanted to speak on the Hana Youth Center. My children are adults now, but when they were teenagers, they both attended the Hana Youth Center. And I have a three year, a three-and-a-half year old son, so I'm hoping that the Hana Youth Center will still be around so that my three-and-a-half year old son when he reach age five, he can also attend. I'm also here to support the MEO bus. Both of my parents, who are 60 and above, both use the MEO bus for transportation from Hana to Kahului and back and my oldest son also use the MEO bus for transportation and again, my three-and-a-half year old living in Waikiu will probably catch Hana, from Hana School to the youth center. I'm also here to support the 'Ohana Makamae organization. I strongly support them. My oldest son, in order for him to come back to Hana, he needed to be put in a sober house living and they took him in and today he's home with me. So I'm very thankful for 'Ohana Makamae and I support them strongly. I also support many of the different organization, Rick Ortiz, Mahele Farm...my dad also goes down there and he brings home fresh vegetables, so I support all these different organizations. And again, I thank you all for coming out and I hope to continue seeing you guys come out to Hana and support our Hana organization and to include us always in your budget. Thank you very much.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Noe. Dawn Lono is up next. Of course, we hear from Dawn every morning, just nice to see you actually testifying, not just communicating.

MS. LONO: Well, good evening. I'm Dawn Lono. I am not at the Hana Council Office and we do have testifiers this evening so. I just have a couple of things I felt it was important to say to you this evening and I, of course, will follow up with written testimony, but I know you've heard already about the restrooms at the ballpark and here. And the frustration that I have with this is an engineering issue where this has been designed inadequate. We paid engineers a lot of money and the systems fail immediately. This has been three years, \$832 a week for three years is \$154,000. That could certainly fix the problem, so we really, really need to have that done and I know there's been a proviso and I know that an engineer came out recently and looked at it, but we've been waiting over three years. And the ballpark is ridiculous. So I hope that something can be done to get this expedited in some way, shape or

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form. The Hana landfill situation is something that I think, we have I think there's \$200,000 in the budget to haul in cover material and haul out green waste and there are options and I have called Mr. Ratte and did connect him up with Bio-Logical Capital and maybe they can come up with some solutions. The community would like to use the green waste and I understand from Roxanna that they have been mulching that, but now that there's this new contract coming up, they've stopped that whole process so the green waste is just kinda building up at the landfill again and I don't understand that at all. But it would be a lot cheaper, I think, to buy a piece of equipment to use the material here, than to pay someone to haul it to the other side. The Hana Community Center maintenance, every year I say something about it. It's been about five years now. The building needs to be painted, since it hasn't been painted, now all the window sills are feathering and we have all kinds of problems with the exterior. There's gonna be a lot of maintenance that's gonna be required now that could have been prevented had we painted it, you know, a few years ago. So if we can catch it relatively soon, we might be able to really help, but if we get into serious maintenance on those buildings, we're talking about hundreds of thousands of dollars rather than maybe \$30,000 or \$40,000 to paint it. So it would be really great to get something done about that and I know there's a large amount of money in the Parks Department budget to do maintenance and to try to get on top of things, but we really need to do something about our community center. Haneoo Road has been used as a bypass while Kaholopo'o Bridge has been being repaired and it has taken a beating and it is gonna need some remedial work. All of the traffic has been going down Haneoo Road.

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MS. LONO: And that road is taking a serious beating, so I hope that we can make sure that the remedial work gets done on that once the bridge is done and that's something that, you know, the engineers and stuff, they don't think about that part of the project. They're just thinking about the bridge and then the road is getting seriously beat up. So I'd really like to see something done about that or our community would anyway. Civil Defense will be the last thing I'll say something about. It's been nine years since we've had any serious attention out here for our Civil Defense program and our disaster preparedness. We had a really, really great program that we put together quite a few years ago, but we haven't had any updates or any attention whatsoever on it and I think it's time that maybe we get, maybe one workshop or something in Hana in the next year, in the next budget, so it would be really great to have some attention on that. And really appreciate you all coming out, I know you guys have been really busting, you know, busting your butts and working really hard and putting in long hours and we really appreciate it. So thank you so much.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Dawn. Any questions for the testifier? Seeing none.

...END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY...

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CHAIR WHITE: Dawn was the last person to have signed up for testimony this evening. Is there anyone else who would like to provide testimony that has not yet done so? I can't allow you to come back up. You can catch us before we take off but. Anyone who hasn't provided testimony that would like to do so? Seeing none, I want to thank you all for coming and sticking it out with us and we really appreciate your perspectives and we want you to know that we have Hana's interests and hearts in our minds and we're gonna do the best we can for you. So thank you again and mahalo for coming.

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

CHAIR WHITE: We are adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

ADJOURN: 7:26 p.m.

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I, Joanne Bista, hereby certify that the foregoing represents to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED the 19th day of May, 2014, in Kahului, Hawaii


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